Kelkar Committee Report

*473. DR. KARAN SINGH.†
SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the Kelkar Report on Defence;

(b) if so, whether the Kelkar Committee has also recommended changes in the defence acquisition and procurement process;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee on Defence; and

(d) how many of its recommendations have been accepted and what are the steps being considered to implement them?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir. Part I of the Report of the Kelkar Committee has been submitted to the Government on 5.4.2005.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The recommendations made by the Committee are under consideration of the Government.

DR. KARAN SINGH: Mr. Chairman Sir, the Kelkar Committee deals with a very important area in our defence structure such as the importance of involving the private sector, technology transfer, indigenisation and so on. Would the hon. Minister please tell us when the report is going to be implemented? When is Part II of the report is expected because it is a long awaited report as it deals with our whole security infrastructure? We would be very interested to know by what time the Government would like to implement it.

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Sir, as I have mentioned in the text of my reply, the first part of the report has been submitted on 5th April. The whole exercise is not yet over; it is under the active consideration of the Government. In respect of the second part, which mainly deals with restructuring of Defence public sector enterprises and the Ordnance Board's factories, I have to say that it requires a little longer time for having interaction with them. Also, labour representatives will have to be convinced

† The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Karan Singh.

and we will have to get their inputs. Therefore, I have requested the Chairman of the Committee to expedite it as far as possible, but at the same time, we would like to have the recommendations, or, suggestions which will be based on a broad consensus so that, in implementation, it does not take much time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Integrated Barren Land Development Programme in M.P.

†*464. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of proposals received from Madhya Pradesh under Integrated Barren Land Development Programme;

(b) the number of proposals approved out of these proposals and the amount provided so far for the same, year-wise; and

(c) the number of proposals yet to be approved and by when these are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) to (c) Since 1999-2000, under Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), project proposals are prioritised for sanction in consultation with the State Governments every year. Pending project proposals which are not sanctioned in a financial year can be considered for sanction during the next financial year, if prioritised again by the State Governments.

From 1997-98 till 31.3.2005,80 project proposals have been received from the State of Madhya Pradesh. Out of these, 69 projects were sanctioned (Statement-I) (See below). The total cost of these 69 projects is Rs. 250.14 crores. Till 31.3.2005, Rs. 129.66 crores has been released under these projects to Madhya Pradesh. Year-wise release of funds under these projects is given in Statement-ll (See below). In 2005-06, a list of 14 projects has been received. These projects will be considered for sanction by the Project Sanctioning Committee in consultation with the State Government representatives, during the first quarter of 2005-06 (Statement-III).

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